GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO PATIENTS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food items and other items meant for the indoor patients in the Government hospitals in Delhi are not reaching the beneficiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any departmental enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check such malpractices in Government hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The food is prepared and distributed to the patients under the supervision of Head Cook, Steward and Dietician. To prevent and avoid any malpractices like theft/misappropriation of food items by employees, regular check and vigil are maintained by dieticians under the over-all supervision of senior doctors. Vigilance surprise checks are made on food trolleys leaving the kitchen for wards and on the locker of kitchen staff. Whenever any such complaint is received, it is enquired into.